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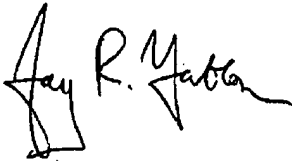
All claims except for claims 20, 40, 43 and 44 have already been allowed.

On October 29, 2003, applicants' counsel, along with applicant William Acker and assignee's representative Bill Dailey conferred with Examiner Crepeau regarding these four remaining claims 20, 40, 43 and 44.

Applicants concur with the interview summary prepared by Examiner Crepeau following this interview, and as suggested by Examiner Crepeau, have amended these claims to specify that the fuel cell is a "direct oxidation" fuel cell, which examiner states is sufficient to distinguish over Edlund.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, and look forward to receiving a notice of allowance for this case pending any further search of the prior art as noted in the interview summary.

Respectfully submitted,



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